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A Friendship Gesture

With SALT hanging fire, the Russians are trying to be nice guys, not by doing anything very positive, mind you, but by suspending something rather negative. We refer to the absence in recent weeks of any microwave radiation bombarding the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. The radiation, which Russian technicians have been aiming at the Embassy for 3½ years, was regarded as a health threat to U.S. personnel.

It's a nice gesture. It seems unlikely the SALT agreement will keep the Russians from building any weapons they would build without it, and it has already led the U.S. to delay funding of cruise missile deployment. But it's nice to know that at least the Russians were willing to give us something in the bargain.